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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director for Administration

FROM   : Clifford D. May, Jr.
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SUBJECT   : ODP Report for Week Ending 30 September 1977

* Senate Committee Staffers Briefed on ADP in CIA

The Director of Data Processing briefed staff members
of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence concerning ADP
in the Agency on 26 September 1977. Data processing repre-
sentatives from the four Directorates and the Comptroller's
office also attended this briefing and helped answer questions
from the staffers. The staffers' questions were directed
mainly at ADP costs, ADP cost/benefit analysis, prioritizing
of ADP projects, distribution of ADP services and costs by
Directorate, the degree to which executive level CIA manage-
ment gets involved in ADP management, and management controls
on the use and growth of ADP. One staff member commented
after the 26 September briefing that it was the best ADP
briefing he had received from the Intelligence Community.

The staff members asked for follow up briefings on CAMS
(COMIREX Automated Management Systems), TADS (Telemetry
Analysis Display System), GIMS (Generalized Information Manage-
ment System), VM (Virtual Machine, ODP's time sharing system),
and ADP usage levels by Directorate. ODP and the Office of
the Comptroller are currently arranging and providing these
briefings.

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* IBM 360/195 Computer Back In Service

The IBM 360/195 computer system was put back into ser-
vice as the primary batch processor on 23 September 1977.
The problems that forced us to take the machine out of ser-
vice (see 23 September 1977 report) on 19 September have not
reoccurred since the IBM field engineers completed their
repairs. It is difficult to be certain about the stability
of the 360/195. However, it is currently performing satis-
factorily as a batch processor.

In early September, the GIMS system, which processes on-
line data base applications for many Agency components, was
moved from the IBM 360/195 to an IBM 370/168 computer system.

There were so many intermittent hardware problems with the 360/195 that it could not provide the necessary availability for user data files on GIMS. The GIMS system will remain on the 370/168 and the 360/195 will be used as a batch processor until it is released.

OMB Hearing Rescheduled

The OMB budget hearing has been postponed until 20 October. This postponement moves ODP from the first DDA Office making a presentation to the last. This rescheduling has also caused the EAG briefing to be moved to 1 November. This EAG briefing will be the first to cover the review of all major ADP projects.

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Bids Received on IBM 360/195 Computer Replacement

Bids were received from four vendors in response to RFP 15-77A for replacement of the IBM 360/195 computer. One bid was judged non-responsive and the technical/cost evaluation will be concluded next week after meeting with the vendors.

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SAFE

The DCI sent a memorandum to the Director of DIA endorsing timely consolidation of the ADISS and SAFE projects under a joint CIA/DIA project office. The DCI asked that the joint project office draft an administrative Memorandum of Understanding and a Project Management Plan by 1 December STATINTL 1977.

Contracts were signed with ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮ Co. for the Design Competition Phase of the SAFE development.

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ADSTAR

Microform Data Systems, Inc. has sent the Agency a telegram asking Admiral Turner to review personally this procurement as they believe that they have a better solution. Their protest is invalid and Office of Logistics will proceed with awarding the contract to the winning bidder.   STATINTL

RAPID

Office of Logistics has been notified it is the Program Office's opinion that the contractor's claim may have validity to the amount of as much as $10,000-$20,000. This would constitute a generous review of the claim. ▮▮▮▮ has rejected STATSPEC

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the contractor's proposal for temporarily substituting for RAPID a system with less capability. The contractor has notified the Agency they are carrying out discussions with a software house with an eye to perhaps enlisting their help to complete RAPID. We should hear more of this effort within the next two weeks. ▮▮▮

CAMS

We have reached the upper limit of terminal installation on the present CAMS production configuration. The addition of any more terminals will make it impossible to connect all user terminals to the system if one of our two Memorex terminal controllers fails. We are discussing alternatives with COMIREX. ▮▮▮

Inter-Agency Committee for ADP

The yearly program for the Inter-Agency Committee on ADP Management is now being developed. Mr. Dennis Fife, National Bureau of Standards, will address the group on 26 October. The basis for his remarks will be the new NBS publication 'Computer Software Management: A Primer for Project Management and Quality Control.' ODP plans to have representatives attend. ▮▮▮

Support to Office of Finance

GAS - General Accounting System. We completed approximately 80% of the fiscal year-end closing test against August month end files. The testing is going somewhat slower than expected; however, all results look very good. We anticipate a smooth process when we run live at the end of September. ▮▮▮

Office of Security SANCA Reports Delayed

A standard tape label problem, an invalid search card, and a bad record on the SANCA (OS name check) file caused the daily reports to be five hours late on 20 September. ▮▮▮

Year End Funds Used to Save Interest Payments on Computers

The DDA transferred $750,000 of year end funds to ODP on 30 September. This was used to make FY-80 advance payments on the IBM 370/168 computers under contract XG-4301. This advance payment will result in savings in interest payments of more than $103,000. ▮▮▮

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Training

A three day course, Basic VM, was completed by 18 students. A five day Microprocessor Workshop, co-sponsored by ODP and ORD, was completed by 20 students. ████████

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